

A Resolution Supporting A Local Option Sales Tax To Fund Regional Rail In North Central Texas

NO. 3428-10-2006

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth supports regional efforts to address the mobility and air quality needs of the citizens of Fort Worth and north central Texas; and

WHEREAS, implementing the passenger rail service component of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan of the Regional Transportation Council is essential in addressing the mobility and air quality needs of the citizens of the City of Fort Worth and north central Texas; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials and transportation professionals in north central Texas have studied the funding options for implementing the regional rail plan and determined that the sales tax is the best feasible means of providing the needed funding; and

WHEREAS, most local governments in north central Texas have no capacity remaining within the two cent cap on local sales tax without the Texas Legislature providing some relief from the current cap; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth believes that the north central Texas regional rail plan can best be implemented by the Texas Legislature exempting from the two-cent cap on local sales tax an amount equal to the locally authorized transit sales tax and authorizing local governments to conduct a local option election to enact a sales tax for transit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth believes that such action by the Texas Legislature is important to the economic vitality and quality of life of the citizens of the city of Fort Worth and the north central Texas region.



CITY OF FORT WORTH

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

THAT the 80th Texas Legislature is respectfully urged to exempt from the two-cent cap on local sales tax an amount equal to the locally authorized transit sales tax (which in Fort Worth is ½ cent) and authorize local governments to conduct a local option election to enact a sales tax for transit; and

THAT the joint recommendation of DART, the Denton County Transit Authority and The T for regional rail in north central Texas attached hereto and made a part hereof is endorsed.

Adopted this 24th day of October 2006.

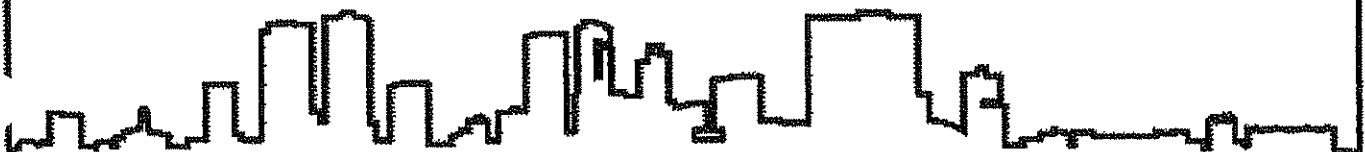
ATTEST:

By: Marty Hendrix
Marty Hendrix, City Secretary

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CITY COUNCIL

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Marty Hendrix
City Secretary of the
City of Fort Worth, Texas



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